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Forecast

PARTLY cloudy tonight and
Friday. Probably thunder
showers. Not much change.

TWO CENTS

NINE BAGS ARE LEFT IN RACE

Four Balloonists Report to Chamber of Commerce Here and Drop From National Contest—Two Entrants Injured.

RACERS LEFT INDIANAPOLIS 4 P. M. WEDNESDAY

Ralph Upson, International Titleholder, Forced to Land at Wapakonetta, O.—One Down at Hartford City.

Four of the entrants in the national balloon race were definitely eliminated by noon today, according to press dispatches and messages received by the Chamber of Commerce, which sponsored the race, starting from the Speedway at 4 p. m. Wednesday.

Nine balloons still were afloat or landed and not yet reported to the headquarters for the balloon race here.

Ralph Upson, pilot of the City of Detroit, was forced down at Wapakonetta, Ohio, this morning with a split seam in his balloon.

Upson, only one of the entrants who had won an international balloon race, was regarded as one of the most likely pilots to take first place in the present national event.

W. T. Van Orman, pilot of the City of Akron, was the first man forced down. He made a landing during the night east of Hartford City, Ind., having covered less than one hundred miles. A leaky valve forced his descent.

Landing was made in a dense woods in absolute darkness. Both Van Orman and his aide, Herbert Thadden of Detroit, escaped injury.

Local Risk Avoided

Pilot Jack Boatner and his aide, Jack Tolton, both of Akron, landed at Fremont, Ohio, rather than take a chance of drifting across Lake Erie with a rapidly sinking balloon.

Ray S. Donaldson, Springfield, Ill., pilot landed at Bryan, Ohio. He and his aide, P. A. Ditch, jumped from the balloon at fifteen feet above the ground when they ran out of ballast. Erlich was slightly injured.

No word had been received from Capt. C. E. McCullough, pilot of the American Legion balloon.

The gas valve of the Donaldson balloon failed to work and all the ballast was exhausted. The bag was drifting along about fifteen feet from the ground, putting the occupants of the basket in danger of being crushed against houses or trees. The pilot and aide leaped from this height, according to the United Press.

The balloon, relieved of its human cargo, shot upward and disappeared, but was found later at Sylvania, Ohio, forty miles east.

Only a few minutes before the leap the pilot had dropped a note at Bryan saying:

"Valves won't work and out of ballast; need assistance to get ballast."

Four other of the thirteen balloons which left here have been sighted over Ohio cities.

Height of 1,000 Feet

The Chamber of Commerce, which backed the race, received a telegram from Custer, Ohio, saying that the Army balloon of Lieut. Robert S. Olmstead was sighted at an altitude of 1,000 feet over Custer, Ohio, 240 miles northeast of Indianapolis, at 5:10 a. m.

United Press dispatches reported two unidentified balloons flying several thousand feet over Lucky, Ohio, and another over Sandusky at 10 a. m.

The local Weather Bureau said the wind in the locality of Custer, O., was blowing toward the northeast at a velocity estimated at six miles an hour. The wind velocity over Lucky was said to be considerably higher, possibly twenty miles an hour.

Lieutenant Olmstead's balloon was the first balloon to take off at the Speedway, Wednesday. His official starting time was 3:56:25. The other balloons left at about five-minute intervals.

Warren Raser of Brookville, O., whose balloon was withdrawn from the race because of a defective valve, ascended half an hour prior to the race as a pilot. Raser landed at 6 p. m. at Atlanta, thirty-three miles northeast of the city.

Watches, Money Missing

Two watches, valued at \$52.50, and \$8 in money were stolen from the home of Oscar Bedenbaugh, 1063 W. Twenty-Sixth St., police were told to day.

M'CULLOCH FINDS ENGLAND FRIENDLY

Local Man, Back From Legion Mission, Belittles Danger of Hostility Over Liquor Laws.

Disparagement of the idea that organized resistance by the United States against British and other foreign ships bearing rum would plunge England and America into hostility, was expressed today by Dr. Carleton B. McCulloch, who returned Wednesday night from Europe, where he went on a mission for the American Legion.

"While I heard expressions of dis-

HOURLY TEMPERATURE

8 a. m. 67 10 a. m. 76
7 a. m. 67 11 a. m. 78
8 a. m. 68 12 (noon) 79
9 a. m. 70 1 p. m. 75

Here's Early Entrant in 'Baby Peggy' Contest



CATHERINE LAVERY

I S Catherine Lavery the "Indianapolis Baby Peggy"?

Catherine, 6 years old, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Lavery, 2416 E. Michigan St.

Of the many little girls entered so far in quest of The Indianapolis Times and the Lyric Theater for the Indianapolis double of Baby Peggy, motion picture star, Catherine was among the first.

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With definite assurance he will have \$3,000 more with which to hire expert assistance, Corporation Counsel Taylor E. Groninger today dug into the task of preparing the city's defense against the Indianapolis Water Company's attempt to get increased rates in a hearing before the public service commission July 18, with renewed vigor.

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